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# **What Horse Racing Means to Michigan**

Michigan horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry responsible for the creation of 42,300 jobs, \$233 million in personal income, and total economic output of \$439 million each year. The industry also generates about \$31 million annually in state tax revenues, and supports capital facilities worth an estimated \$700 million, according to the most recent study released by Public Sector Consultants, Inc., of Lansing.

There are an estimated 77,000 racing breed equine in the state. Horse racing is a labor-intensive activity and creates jobs on and off the tracks for trainers, drivers, jockeys, blacksmiths, grooms, veterinarians, racing officials, parimutuel clerks, guards, admission clerks, concessions workers, and numerous other personnel. With the addition of full-card simulcasting, Michigan tracks now offer year-round entertainment opportunities for horse racing fans, meaning that seasonal work has turned into full-time employment for track employees.

Michigan's horse racing industry reaches far beyond the grandstands of Michigan's parimutuel tracks. Horse racing provides economic support to many fairs through purse revenues for those fairs that offer non-betting horse racing. Racing activities also provide direct financial support to Michigan's 4H programs and premiums (awards) at fairs throughout the state.

An important part of the state's economy, horse racing interests pay local property taxes on the tracks, and on breeding and training facilities. The tracks also contribute to the economy of the surrounding communities by purchasing goods and services.

Indirectly, racing interests provide employment for farmers, transportation workers, restaurant and hotel personnel employed near the tracks, the media representatives who report on racing, and the workers who build and repair the training or track facilities, among others. Their collective contribution to the Michigan economy is substantial.

In many of the rural areas of our state, supplying the needs of race horses represents much of the local economy and helps support and preserve the rural character of smaller communities. Farmers grow and sell the feed required by our state's race horse population. Grain elevator operations make sure that feed is available year-round. Barns and training facilities are available to horsemen on a year-round basis, supplying needed employment opportunities for Michigan citizens.

Pari-mutuel horse racing began in Michigan in September, 1933, with 31 days of Thoroughbred racing offered at the Michigan State Fairgrounds track in Detroit. The inaugural season attracted 101,227 fans who wagered over \$3.5 million and generated \$123,783 in state wagering tax.

Today, Michigan has seven licensed pari-mutuel race tracks, including five harness racetracks, one Thoroughbred track and one mixed breed track. The two largest tracks are located in the Detroit metropolitan area, with the other five distributed around the lower half of the state's lower peninsula. In 2001, the tracks presented a combined 2,205 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. This racing attracted over 1.4 million fans, who wagered \$374.5 million, generating \$11.9 million in state revenue. Local communities received over \$1.7 million to defray the costs of police and fire protection required at all pari-mutuel tracks. Financial incentives were offered to the breeders of the best Michigan-bred horses. The incentives included purse supplements and special races for Michiganbred horses.

As demonstrated above, horse racing's payoff to Michigan is far greater than the dollars seen on the toteboard. Horse racing means jobs; horse racing means revenue; horse racing means entertainment; horse racing means investments; and horse racing means stability and continuity for our state's farming communities.

# **Sampling and Testing for Equine and Humans**

The Office of Racing Commissioner's (ORC) equine and human blood/urine testing programs are important parts of the Commissioner's regulatory functions. The programs are conducted by the ORC and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Equine Drug Testing Laboratory. The program involves the post-race collection of urine and/or blood samples from every pari-mutuel horse race conducted in Michigan and random/causal human testing for drugs and alcohol.

Equine samples are collected by ORC field staff from the winner of every race, and any other horse designated for testing by officials. The samples are then tested by the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory to detect any prohibited drugs or foreign substances present.

Any drug or other substance not naturally present in the horse's system may either enhance or hinder its performance. It is the duty of the Commissioner to ensure the wagering public that drugs or other foreign substances are not administered to or present in any race horse, except as authorized by law. The post-race analysis is an important part of this process.

Dr. Brad Skiba, supervisor of the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory, oversees a team of trained and experienced scientists and technicians who analyze each blood, urine or other sample. Utilizing sophisticated testing methods and equipment, this drug detection group represents a valuable link in the Racing Commissioner's investigative chain.

A total of 19,533 post-race samples were tested during 2001 (12,732 TCO2; 5,632 urine; 1,119 blood and 50 miscellaneous samples). The total number of positives or instances of permitted medication over the approved level was 78.

As part of its regulatory efforts, the ORC employs a team of stewards, detention crew workers, veterinarians, licensed veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and investigators to ensure the integrity of the horse racing industry. Sample collection workers (usually three per track) collect the blood and urine samples from the horses for testing.

The ORC's veterinarians make sure the horses are sound and capable of racing, and supervise the horse sample collections. ORC veterinarians do not have equine practices of their own. Additional veterinarians, licensed by the ORC for practice in restricted areas at the racetracks, prescribe and administer medications to horses who may be at the tracks but are not scheduled to race. These licensed veterinarians have private equine practices.

Samples collected by the collection technicians are delivered from the racetracks to the MDA Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing by couriers employed by the ORC. Samples are identified only by tag number to ensure confidential testing, while maintaining a chain of evidence. The ORC keeps a copy of each sample tag number and the corresponding horse information (trainer, horse name, race day, track, etc.). If any samples test positive, the Laboratory contacts the ORC for confirmation and possible disciplinary action. The cooperative efforts of the ORC and MDA Geagley Laboratory staff help ensure fairness, honesty and the integrity of the horse racing industry for the betting public.

For more information about the horse racing industry in Michigan, visit our website at **www.michigan.gov/mda.** 

## 2001: The Year in Review

#### January

Governor John Engler re-appointed Annette M. Bacola as Michigan Racing Commissioner. Ms. Bacola, of Grosse Pointe Farms, has served as the Michigan Racing Commissioner since Governor Engler first appointed her in August 1999. Her new term expires December 31, 2004.

## **February**

The Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) launched a large scale effort to document the history of horse racing in Michigan and ultimately create an historical display to preserve the sport's agricultural heritage. The process of gathering information involved collaboration with track officials and various horsemen's associations.

### March

Commissioner Bacola addressed issues concerning technological abuses as they affect the horse racing industry in Michigan. According to Bacola, the horse racing industry has been faced with escalating challenges including an increase in illegal telephone and Internet gambling. The Racing Commissioner has renewed requests to seek injunctions against companies currently accepting wagers from Michigan residents via the telephone or Internet.

The ORC continued its annual participation as an exhibitor at the International Stallion Exhibition. This three-day exhibition is held at the Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education in East Lansing.

## <u>April</u>

The ORC strengthened its investigative capabilities with the addition of a full-time Detective Sergeant from the Michigan State Police. Additionally, the ORC expanded partnerships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Food and Drug Administration, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The ORC enlisted the help of the Michigan Attorney General's office in issuing warning letters to three companies for illegally accepting wagers,

through the Internet and by telephone, from Michigan residents on horse races conducted across the country. The letters also warn of similar illegal wagering by nonresidents on racing conducted in Michigan.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) and Great Lakes Downs (GLD) tracks sent requests to the ORC to change their 2001 live race date allocations. JHR requested that the Commissioner authorize the cancellation of fifteen live race dates. GLD petitioned the Racing Commissioner to add one day of racing to the live schedule. Both requests were granted.

Commissioner Bacola was elected Vice President of Racing Commissioners International.

### May

ORC brought horse racing's struggle to compete and survive in the increasingly competitive leisure/ gaming market in focus at an industry wide symposium entitled "The Business of Horse Racing," held in Lansing on May 16, 2001. The meeting attracted a heavy turnout of industry leaders and legislators to meet one another and discuss current issues. Guest speakers included Marc Falcone of Bear Stearns and Robert Elliston of Turfway Park in Kentucky. Lieutenant Governor Dick Posthumus opened the symposium with a welcoming address and Speaker of the House Rick Johnson spoke to the assembly of nearly 200 participants.

#### June

The second Annual Michigan Equestrian Princess Pageant was held at the Michigan State Fairgrounds under the direction of the ORC. Ms. Jessica Kesterke of Berrien Springs was crowned Michigan Equestrian Princess. Ms. Kesterke was selected from a group of twelve semi-finalists chosen to represent the state's equine industry.

The second Annual Michigan Horse of the Year Ball was held at the Michigan State Fairgrounds.

## 2001: The Year in Review

Michigan-bred Horse of the Year awards were presented to 2000's top Michigan horses in the categories of Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred, Standardbred Trotter and Standardbred Pacer.

#### July

Early July brought local, state and national media coverage with the introduction of Senate Bills 565-569 on June 26, 2001 by Senator George McManus, Jr, R-Traverse City and Senator Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake. The Bills would allow off-track betting and telephone account wagering along with parimutuel card clubs and slot machines at horse racetracks throughout the state.

## **August**

During the 2001 Michigan State Fair, ORC significantly stepped up its efforts to raise the profile of Michigan horse racing with a large multifaceted exhibit area. Identified by a signature banner entitled "Michigan Horse Racing," the exhibit area occupied the core of the Agricultural Building at the fair. The history of horse racing in Michigan display, based on information gleaned from ORC's in-house history project, was a highlight of the exhibit.

## **September**

Michigan tracks, along with tracks throughout North America, cancelled their live and/or simulcast racing programs after the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Many tracks resumed racing as quickly as possible.

The highlight of September was the Inaugural Michigan Sire Stakes Million Dollar Night held at Hazel Park Harness Raceway on Saturday, September 29, 2001. Through industry planning and cooperation, the track and the harness horsemen made history by running all eight sire stakes races on the same night and on the same track. The combined value of the purses for these and other races on the program was over \$1 million.

#### October

The highlight of Thoroughbred racing occurred when six Thoroughbred Sire Stakes races were run on October 5 at Great Lakes Downs.

On October 18, State Representative Judith L. Scranton, R-District 66, introduced House Bills 5284-5289. The bills are similar to the package of Senate Bills introduced in July allowing off-track betting, telephone account wagering, pari-mutuel card clubs and electronic computerized gaming at horse racetracks.

On October 31, Commissioner Bacola signed orders authorizing the 2002 live horse racing dates for Michigan's seven pari-mutuel tracks.

#### **November**

In an ongoing effort to raise the awareness of horse racing in the state, the ORC organized an exhibit with the horsemen's assocoiations at the three-day North American Horse Spectacular in Novi, Michigan.

On November 28, the ORC conducted its first Emergency Management seminar, requiring extensive emergency preparedness plans from all state racetracks.

### **December**

In December, the ORC licensed the pari-mutuel tellers at Michigan's seven racetracks. This change, facilitated by the ORC, the Pari-Mutuel Tellers Union and track managers, marked the first time in history that the pari-mutuel tellers in the state were required to be licensed.

At the Annual Symposium on Racing at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Michigan was recognized as having some of racing's most sensitive drug testing equipment, especially with regards to TCO2, Salix and Eliza testing. ORC has been a key player in setting drug testing standards through Racing Commissioners International and the National Thoroughbred Racing Association.

# **History of Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing in Michigan**

The statistical history of pari-mutuel racing in Michigan is as follows:

			Total	Total				Total	Total
	Days		Pari-Mutuel	State		Days	Total	Pari-Mutuel	State
Year F	Raced	Attendance	Wagering	Revenue	Year	Raced	Attendance	Wagering	Revenue
1933	31	101,227	\$ 3,519,656	\$123,783	1976	645	3,571,312	\$395,703,781	\$27,472,556
1934	123	376,123	12,621,224	423,428	1977	647	3,250,807	387,603,160	26,056,732
1935	66	221,064	7,541,557	266,597	1978	650	3,024,127	398,674,678	27,089,834
1936	68	370,784	10,793,497	265,617	1979	673	3,035,903	425,190,904	28,845,113
1937	62	356,015	10,201,110	167,000	1980	703	3,030,257	396,396,317	27,828,645
1938	62	321,211	8,470,931	156,418	1981	688	2,728,476	368,712,526	24,211,545
1939	69	389,642	10,046,735	185,000	1982	688	2,728,476	347,489,410	22,523,956
1940	65	410,542	9,940,148	178,450	1983	695	2,557,419	355,357,249	22,998,249
1941	70	476,870	12,353,851	186,575	1984	672	2,402,562	347,600,808	22,412,751
1942	97	849,505	23,020,369	253,900	1985	686	2,420,489	375,971,988	24,407,322
1943	95	1,197,594	36,278,761	370,300	1986	743	2,547,474	408,118,864	22,015,578
1944	140	1,008,678	51,012,962	2,235,627	1987	867	2,664,362	441,745,977	22,077,702
1945	142	1,197,594	43,906,185	1,899,444	1988	891	2,506,849	424,145,150	21,221,394
1946	143	1,383,045	49,654,271	2,010,326	1989	918	2,682,457	443,113,234	22,005,832
1947	144	1,309,994	68,100,444	3,354,107	1990	906	2,660,443	440,889,684	21,988,385
1948	144	1,232,485	63,544,845	3,271,911	1991	910	2,577,991	421,382,703	20,988,295
1949	228	1,553,745	72,018,889	3,389,264	1992	918	2,563,334	428,344,299	21,330,433
1950	223	1,486,145	68,374,632	3,652,051	1993	901	2,414,670	401,865,797	19,945,112
1951	246	1,755,597	90,947,510	4,708,772	1994	865	2,065,089	356,694,463	17,834,339
1952	245	1,920,329	108,334,542	5,272,375	1995	827	1,741,325	310,522,945	15,552,692
1953	266	2,100,799	123,457,359	7,131,532	1996*	2,225	2,136,766	467,785,576	9,855,173
1954	261	2,094,627	113,063,730	6,890,294	1997	2,425	2,099,295	474,608,578	14,656,240
1955	253	2,010,795	112,712,977	7,038,099	1998	2,262	1,956,378	463,843,615	13,643,735
1956	271	2,222,256	124,349,974	7,534,306	1999	2,218	1,714,354	416,616,490	13,202,928
1957	270	2,105,540	124,133,569	7,535,106	2000	2,308	1,549,408	399,316,679	13,374,720
1958	269	2,180,516	121,250,928	7,285,377	2001	2,205	1,433,998	\$374,549,941	\$11,874,054
1959	279	2,089,199	116,776,923	7,502,281					
1960	291	2,149,416	125,028,322	8,084,554	* Full-	card simu	ulcasting was	authorized with	the enactment of the
1961	293	2,190,046	120,721,67 3	7,804,478	Horse	Racing L	aw of 1995, w	hich allowed Mi	chigan pari-mutuel
1962 1963	320 326	2,331,166 2,339,232	135,815,283 144,601,442	8,791,784 11,070,550	tracks	to condu	ıct live and sin	nulcast wagerin	ng year-round. Prior
1964	338	2,712,769	173,696,547						cing only. From 1996
1965	378	3,101,890	215,211,397						for live and simulcast
1966	346	2,818,805	209,218,403	16,411,328	racing	-	od maloatoo t	radito operation	THO THE GITTA CHITTAICACT
1967	381	2,865,996	217,452,791	16,758,121	lacing				
1968	388	2,909,311	231,472,394						
1969	415	3,056,834	260,353,221						
1970	425	3,456,422	285,056,702						
1971	563	3,962,318	333,182,520						
1972	599	3,680,632	317,330,030						
1973	604	3,671,168	347,284,698						
1974	602	3,606,982	363,840,498						
1975	590	3,830,260	394,925,495						
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# **Summary of ORC Revenues**

The pari-mutuel racing program in 2001 contributed **\$12,729,630.30** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$ 11,826,408.62
Occupational License Fees	\$ 172,301.00
"Outs" (money from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets)+	\$ 656,923.48
Racing Fines	\$ 78,422.00
Horse Race Licenses	\$ 3,200.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 12,896.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 33.20
Civil Service Assessment Fee	\$ (20,554.00)
Total State Revenue:	\$ 12,729,630.30
"Outs" are funds received from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets:	
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 43,516.83
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 289,820.73
Jackson Harness Raceway	\$ 21,313.13
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$ 2,198.45
Northville Downs	\$ 122,024.98
Northville Racing Corporation	\$ 84,902.47
Saginaw Harness Raceway	\$ 26,256.50
Sports Creek Raceway	\$ 66,890.39
Total "Outs" Revenue to Agriculture Equine Fund	\$ 656,923.48*
* "Outs" are generated in 2001 and distributed in 2002.	

<sup>+</sup>Public Act 505 of 1998 amended the law covering the distribution of funds from outstanding uncashed winning tickets (Outs). Previous to this amendment, all Outs funds were sent to the Michigan Department of Treasury, Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Division, for future claims and eventually reverted to the State General Fund pursuant to law. The amendment changed the distribution of Outs monies. Outstanding uncashed tickets could be cashed for only 60 days after the end of a race meeting, as opposed to an unlimited period of time under the previous law. After 60 days the race meeting licensee now retains 50% of the remaining Outs funds and deposits the other 50% to the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund established under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended. This makes the Outs funds available for track expenditures, purse monies, and the various programs under the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund.

# **Summary of ORC Expenditures**

January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001

Salaries, Wages, Retirement & Fringes	\$ 3,046,608.15
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	\$ 618,160.78
Travel	\$ 134,327.81
Equipment	\$ 3,495.54
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 12,896.00
Grants	\$ 38,945.09
Other	\$ 78,268.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,932,701.83

# **Summary of Total Wagering**

2001

## **Live Wagering**

## **Thoroughbred**

Great Lakes Downs \$ 3,695,608

#### **Mixed Breed**

## (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 203,746

#### **Standardbred**

Hazel Park Harness Raceway	20,008,149
Jackson Harness Raceway	746,226
Northville Downs	4,228,481
Northville Racing Corp.	2,899,709
Saginaw Harness Raceway	1,063,621
Sports Creek Raceway	2,447,613

# Total Live Wagering

\$ 35,293,153

## **Simulcast Wagering**

## Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 13,726,941

### **Mixed Breed**

## (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 2,225,648

#### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway	149,149,676
Jackson Harness Raceway	12,261,710
Northville Downs	70,986,127
Northville Racing Corp.	44,789,637
Saginaw Harness Raceway	13,264,463
Sports Creek Raceway	32,852,586

## **Total Simulcast Wagering**

\$ 339,256,788\*

# **Total Simulcast and Live Racing**

\$ 374,549,941

Note: Total Simulcast and Live Wagering for 2000 was \$399,315,679.

<sup>\*</sup>This amount reflects simulcast wagers made at Michigan tracks only. It does not include out of state wagers, which are bets placed on Michigan races received at tracks and other wagering sites outside Michigan. Total out of state wagers on Michigan races were \$81,371,716 in 2001.

# **Summary of State Tax**

Thoroughbred:		2001		2000
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Great Lakes Downs	\$	480,453	\$	560,744
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, A	ppaloo	sa, and Americ	an Paint)	
Mount Pleasant	\$	77,904	\$	76,608
Standardbred:				
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	5,220,239	\$	5,566,347
Jackson Harness Raceway		429,160		437,089
Northville Downs		2,484,525		2,628,308
Northville Racing Corporation		1,567,645		1,591,550
Saginaw Harness Raceway		464,271		492,484
Sports Creek Raceway		1,149,857		1,083,740
Standardbred Totals	\$	11,315,697	\$	11,799,518
Total State Tax on Simulcast Wagering:	\$	11,874,054	\$ 1	2,436,870

## **Purse Pool Distribution**

Michigan pari-mutuel horse racing associations endeavor to promote the best in racing. Purses paid by the licensed race meetings are largely responsible for accomplishing this task. The 2001 amounts exclude supplements and fees provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). In 2001, MDA reported \$4.7 million provided by the Agriculture Equine Fund directly to the pari-mutuel purse pool for supplements.

		2001
Thoroughbred: Great Lakes Downs	\$	8,268,456
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint) Mount Pleasant	\$	895,325
Standardbred:		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	8,086,372
Jackson Harness Raceway		506,328
Northville Downs		2,955,261
Northville Racing Corporation		1,946,024
Saginaw Harness Raceway		587,388
Sports Creek Raceway		1,300,678
Standardbred Totals:	\$	15,382,051
Total Purse Distribution:	\$ 2	24,545,832

# Distribution of Pari-Mutuel Wagering Revenues to Cities/Townships

		2001		2000
Hazel Park: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	804,066.93 125,695.41	\$	788,741.57 136,783.52
Jackson: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	75,773.24 23,515.23	\$	67,131.76 34,332.48
Isabella Township (Mount Pleasant): *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	15,313.41 5,249.41	\$	15,174.39 2,779.15
Fruitport Township (Great Lakes Downs): *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	74,427.39 69,597.06	\$ \$	104,125.64 115,201.96
Northville: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	558,367.16 196,177.00	\$	618,367.16 209,490.00
Saginaw: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	58,662.24 123,624.66	\$	68,587.77 79,147.74
Swartz Creek: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$	152,554.00 45,600.00	\$	153,773.51 49,176.54
Total: *Revenue **Expenditures	\$ \$	1,739,164.37 589,458.77	\$ \$	1,815,901.80 626,911.39

All figures are for the calendar year.

Note: Breakage is the amount that is subtracted from wager payout calculations when they are rounded down to the nearest dime (or nickel in a minus pool situation). For example, if a winning bet is computed to pay \$3.11, the bettor receives \$3.10 and the \$.01 in breakage is distributed to cities and/or townships in which the track is located.

<sup>\*</sup> Revenue equals all breakage generated during the calendar year.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Expenditures represent the amount of money reported by local units of government to the ORC for services provided pursuant to Section 21 of the Horse Racing Law of 1995.

# Race Meeting Summary - All Race Meetings (live and simulcast)

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	569 562 7 2,205 1,433,998 650	628 596 32 2,308 1,549,408 671
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 35,293,153 339,256,788 374,549,941 169,864 261	\$ 43,924,594 355,391,085 399,315,679 173,014 258
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 290,745,322 131,857	\$310,523,397 134,542
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 11,874,054 5,385	\$ 12,436,870 5,389
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 24,545,832 43,676	\$ 26,043,296 43,697
Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 60,565,839 27,468	\$ 62,210,487 26,954

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Race Meeting Summary - Harness Totals**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	407 406 1 1,677 1,304,924 778	462 443 19 1,689 1,366,778 809
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 31,393,799 323,304,199 354,697,998 211,508 272	\$ 39,025,388 337,176,300 376,201,688 222,736 275
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 275,500,307 164,282	\$292,706,844 173,302
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 11,315,697 6,748	\$ 11,799,518 6,986
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 15,382,051 37,887	\$ 16,491,415 37,227
* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 57,379,022 34,215	\$ 58,480,825 34,625

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Race Meeting Summary - Thoroughbred Totals**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	129 128 1 277 112,365 406	132 132 0 365 163,802 449
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 3,695,608 13,726,941 17,422,549 62,897 155	\$ 4,736,254 16,020,855 20,757,109 56,869 127
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 13,338,843 48,155	\$ 16,020,081 43,891
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 480,453 1,735	\$ 560,744 1,536
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 8,268,456 64,597	\$ 8,819,573 66,815
Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 2,849,044 10,285	\$ 3,399,940 9,315

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Note: The 2001 and 2000 Thoroughbred figures represent the "Track Summary" of Great Lakes Downs.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Race Meeting Summary - Mixed Racing Totals**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	33 28 5 251 16,709 67	34 21 13 254 18,828 74
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 203,746 2,225,648 2,429,394 9,679 145	\$ 162,952 2,193,930 2,356,882 9,279 125
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 1,906,172 7,594	\$1,796,472 7,073
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 77,904 310	\$ 76,608 302
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 895,325 31,976	\$ 732,308 34,872
Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 337,773 1,346	\$ 329,722 1,298

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Note: The 2001 and 2000 Mixed Racing figures represent the "Track Summary" of Mount Pleasant Meadows. The Mixed breed race horses include Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Great Lakes Downs**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	129 128 1 277 112,365 406	132 132 0 365 163,802 449
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 3,695,608 13,726,941 17,422,549 62,897 155	\$ 4,736,254 16,020,855 20,757,109 56,869 127
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 13,338,843 48,155	\$ 16,020,081 43,891
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 480,453 1,735	\$ 560,744 1,536
* Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 8,268,456 64,597	\$ 8,819,573 66,815
<ul><li>** Track Share Commission Total Daily Average</li></ul>	\$ 2,849,044 10,285	\$ 3,399,940 9,315

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Great Lakes Downs raced 128 dates from April 30 through October 31 in 2001. June 9, 2001 was run without betting and June 10 was cancelled due to a tote-hub problem caused by flooding in Texas. Great Lakes Downs raced 132 dates in 2000 from May 5 through November 7.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Hazel Park Harness Raceway**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	141 140 1 360 658,797 1,830	140 140 0 361 695,663 1,927
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 20,008,149 149,149,676 169,157,825 469,883 257	\$ 24,749,636 159,038,457 183,788,093 509,108 264
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$130,708,588 363,079	\$142,548,925 394,872
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 5,220,239 14,501	\$ 5,566,347 16,491
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 8,086,372 57,760	\$ 8,948,205 63,916
* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 26,354,330 73,207	\$ 28,781,339 79,727

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2001, from April 2 through October 13, and 140 dates in 2000, from April 3 through October 14. One allocated date was cancelled in 2001 due to the September 11 attack.

Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Jackson Harness Raceway**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	20 20 0 238 79,390 334	46 44 2 240 90,588 377
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 746,226 12,261,710 13,007,936 54,655 164	\$ 1,757,607 12,536,312 14,293,919 59,558 158
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 9,863,451 41,443	\$10,881,932 45,341
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 429,160 1,803	\$ 437,089 1,821
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 506,328 25,316	\$ 653,658 14,856
* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 2,020,163 8,488	\$ 2,315,186 9,647

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) presented 20 live race dates in 2001 from April 27 through June 9. JHR was originally granted 35 dates of live racing in 2001. Subsequently, JHR requested a reduction to 20 dates which was supported by the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association and granted by the ORC. Jackson ran two separate live race meetings in 2000. The first ran 23 dates, from April 7 through May 27. The second race meeting ran 23 dates, from September 6 through October 14. Combined, two allocated dates were cancelled in 2000.

<sup>\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Mount Pleasant Meadows**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	33 28 5 251 16,709 67	34 21 13 254 18,828 74
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 203,746 2,225,648 2,429,394 9,679 145	\$ 162,952 2,193,930 2,356,882 9,279 125
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$1,906,172 7,594	\$1,796,472 7,073
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* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 337,773 1,346	\$ 329,722 1,298

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Mount Pleasant Meadows raced 28 dates in 2001, from May 5 through September 30, and 21 dates in 2000, from May 20 to September 17.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Northville Downs**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	64 64 0 210 208,781 994	66 64 2 211 218,420 1,035
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 4,228,481 70,986,127 75,214,608 358,165 360	\$ 4,748,876 75,094,243 79,843,119 378,403 366
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$59,160,410 281,716	\$63,033,406 298,737
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 2,484,525 11,831	\$ 2,628,308 12,456
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 2,955,261 46,176	\$ 2,893,461 45,210
* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$11,346,377 54,030	\$11,948,780 56,629

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Northville Downs raced 64 dates including two matinees for a total of 66 programs in 2001 from January 2 through March 31. Northville Downs raced 64 dates in 2000 from January 3 through April 1. Two allotted dates were cancelled in 2000 due to inclement weather.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Northville Racing Corporation**

	2001	2000
Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	54 54 0 148 139,758 944	54 48 6 148 137,616 930
Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 3,476,333 44,789,637 48,265,970 326,121 345	\$ 2,899,709 45,472,657 48,372,366 326,840 352
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$ 37,998,321 256,745	\$ 38,004,219 256,785
State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 1,567,645 10,592	\$ 1,591,550 10,754
Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 1,946,024 36,038	\$ 1,794,769 37,391
* Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 7,280,806 49,195	\$ 7,335,875 49,567
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<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Northville Racing Corporation (NRC) presented 54 dates in 2001, from October 15 through December 29. Six allotted dates were not run in 2000. In 2000, NRC ran 54 live racing dates from October 16 through December 31. Six allotted dates were not run in 2000 due to inclement weather.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Saginaw Harness Raceway**

		2001	2000
	Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	33 33 0 360 62,274 173	47 47 0 365 66,485 182
	Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 1,063,621 13,264,463 14,328,084 39,800 230	\$ 1,502,948 14,070,626 15,573,574 42,551 234
	Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$10,868,066 30,189	\$ 11,885,397 32,474
	State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 464,271 1,290	\$ 492,484 1,346
*	Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 587,388 17,800	\$ 720,086 15,321
**	Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 2,296,344 6,379	\$ 2,517,672 6,879
	The amounts exclude supplements and fees.		

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Saginaw Harness Raceway presented 33 dates in 2001, from June 15 through August 26. Saginaw presented 47 dates of live racing in 2000, from June 2 through August 27. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2001 or 2000.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

# **Track Summaries - Sports Creek Raceway**

		2001	2000
	Live Dates Allotted Live Dates Run Live Dates Not Run Live & Simulcast Dates Total Live & Simulcast Attendance Daily Average	95 95 0 361 155,924 432	109 100 9 363 158,006 435
	Live Wagering Total Simulcast Wagering Total Combined Wagering Total Daily Average Per Capita	\$ 2,447,613 32,852,586 35,300,199 97,785 226	\$ 3,366,612 30,964,005 34,330,617 94,575 217
	Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total Daily Average	\$26,901,471 74,519	\$26,352,965 72,598
	State Revenue Total Daily Average	\$ 1,149,857 3,185	\$ 1,083,740 2,986
•	Purse Total Daily Average	\$ 1,300,678 13,691	\$ 1,481,236 14,812
*	Track Share Commission Total Daily Average	\$ 5,569,731 15,429	\$ 5,581,973 15,377

<sup>\*</sup> The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Sports Creek Raceway presented two separate live race meetings in 2001. The first ran 24 dates, from January 3 through February 11. The second ran 71 dates, from September 1 through December 31. Sports Creek Raceway also presented two separate live race meetings in 2000. The first ran 54 dates, from January 1 through April 2. The second race meeting ran 55 dates, from October 15 through December 31. Nine allocated dates were not run in 2000.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Track Share Commission per pari-mutuel audit report.

## **Track Information**

# Map of Michigan Racetracks

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\* Mount Pleasant \* Saginaw

\* Muskegon

\* Swartz Creek

Hazel Park \*
Northville \*
\* Jackson

#### **Great Lakes Downs**

Thoroughbred Racing

Location: 4800 Harvey Street

Muskegon, MI 49444

231-799-2400

www.greatlakesdowns.com

Size of Track:

Length: 1/2 mile to 1 1/8 mile

Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:

Sand and clay on limestone base

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,350 Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 850 Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 800

Date of First Track License: February 1, 1984 Date of Inaugural Meeting: April 23, 1999

Attendance Record:

4,821; May 5, 2001

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$1,104,066; May 5, 2001

## **Hazel Park Harness Raceway**

Harness Racing

Location: 1650 East Ten Mile Road

Hazel Park, MI 48030

248-398-1000

www.hazelparkraceway.com

Size of Track:

Length: 5/8 mile Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:

Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 9,200 Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 3,000 Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 1,200

Date of First Track License: August 1949 Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 17, 1949

Attendance Record:

28,726; May 31, 1965

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$2,029,028; July 10, 1977

### **Jackson Harness Raceway**

Harness Racing

Location: 200 West Ganson Street

Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500

Size of Track:

Length: 1/2 mile Width: 70 feet

Soil of Track:

Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 6,500
Sulky Lounge Seating Capacity: 250
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 500
Housing Space for Stable Help: 16

Date of First Track License: 1948

Date of Inaugural Meeting: May 28, 1949

Attendance Record:

6,812; August 16, 1975

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$346,557; May 18, 1986

## **Track Information**

#### **Mount Pleasant Meadows**

Mixed Breed Racing

Location: 500 North Mission Road

Mount Pleasant, MI 48858

989-773-0012

Size of Track:

Length: 1/2 mile Width: 60 feet

Soil of Track:

Sandy loam

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,000 Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 400 Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 300

Date of First Track License: May 1985 Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 21, 1985

Attendance Record:

1,027; May 17, 1986

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$61,463; October 1, 1989

### **Northville Downs**

Harness Racing

Location: 301 South Center Street

Northville, MI 48167

248-349-1000

www.northvilledowns.com

Size of Track:

Length: 1/2 mile Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:

Limestone and stone mix

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,200
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 2,000
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 900
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 493
Housing Space for Stable Help: 80

Date of First Track License: August 1944 Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 4, 1944

Attendance Record:

9,610; May 15, 1950

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$935,067; March 28, 1986

## **Saginaw Harness Raceway**

Harness Racing

Location: 2701 East Genesee Street

Saginaw, MI 48601 989-755-3451

www.saginawraceway.com

Size of Track:

Length: 1/2 mile

Width: 50 feet in backstretch, 70 feet in homestretch

Soil of Track:

Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,500
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 2,500
Surrey Room Seating Capacity: 225
Lounge Capacity: 120
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 314

Date of First Track License: May 2, 1979

Attendance Record:

6,000; June 16, 1980

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$471,945; August 18, 1985

## **Sports Creek Raceway**

Harness Racing

Location: 4290 Morrish Road

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

810-635-3333

Size of Track:

Length: 5/8 mile Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:

Clay base, stone dust and limestone

cushion

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 4,500 Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 2,000 Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 200

Date of Inaugural Meeting: November 5, 1986

Attendance Record:

6,111; November 5, 1986

Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:

\$626,388; March 11, 1990

# 2002 Live Racing Schedule

Great Lakes Downs 4800 Harvey Street	<u>Thoroughbred Racing</u> April 29 (Monday) through October 29 (Tuesday)	118	Dates
Muskegon, MI 49444 231-799-2400	MIXED BREED RACING		
Mount Pleasant Meadows 500 N. Mission Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-0012	May 4 (Saturday) through September 28 (Saturday)	34	Dates
	Thoroughbred & Mixed Breed Total:	152	Dates
	STANDARDBRED RACING		
Sports Creek Raceway 4290 Morrish Road Swartz Creek, MI 48473 810-635-3333	January 2 (Wednesday) through February 10 (Sunday) August 31 (Saturday) through December 31 (Tuesday)	94	Dates
Northville Downs 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	January 3 (Thursday) through March 30 (Saturday)	70	Dates
Hazel Park Harness Raceway 1650 East Ten Mile Road Hazel Park, MI 48030 248-398-1000	April 1 (Monday) through October 12 (Saturday)	140	Dates
Jackson Harness Raceway 200 W. Ganson Street Box 881 Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500	April 17 (Wednesday) through June 8 (Saturday)	24	Dates
Saginaw Harness Raceway 2701 E. Genesee Street Saginaw, MI 48601 989-755-3451	June 14 (Friday) through August 25 (Sunday)	33	Dates
Northville Racing Corp. 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000	October 14 (Monday) through December 28 (Saturday)	54	Dates
	Standardbred Total:	415	Dates
	0000 TOTAL		

**2002 TOTAL:** 

567 Dates

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